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The Boon Nam Company, Ltd., of Bangkok can obtain US\$ 175,000,000 worth of United States Army surplus arms and ammunition through contacts who are in touch with a United States Army general (unnamed) on Okinawa or an island in the general vicinity of Okinawa. The Boon Nam Company has contacted the Viet Minh in Bangkok about this matter.

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Comment. The figure, US\$ 175,000,000, is an obvious exaggeration. The Siamese persistently confuse large figures, and it seems much more likely that the sum, if authentic, is US\$ 175,000. In addition, the reference to the United States Army general was not made in the sense that the general was implicated in an illegal arrangement. He probably is someone who has control of the surplus arms in question, and Boon Nam and associates contemplate getting them in a legal but perhaps indirect manner (as for example, shipment to China), and then, through devious means, delivering them to the Viet Minh or other prospective purchasers.)

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